SCARED ALDERMEN ACT.

WILLIS TO GET ALL THE MONEY ASKED FOR ON WATER APPROPRIATIONS.

A MEETING YESTERDAY AT WHICH MORE INTER-EST THAN EVER BEFORE WAS SHOWN IN THE QUESTION WHICH ALL BROOKLYN

IS DISCUSSING.

The Aldermanic Committee on Water and Drainage yesterday bowed to an aroused public sentiment over the condition of the city's water. The committee decided to recommend not only the \$75,000 necessary to buy and clean the ponds which were found to be in so vile a condition by the experts of the Board of Health, but to recommend the granting to City Works Commissioner Willis of all the sums of money for which he is now asking for the maintenance and purification of the water supply. The following appropriations will be recommended to the Board of Aldermen at its meeting Monday:

Balance for maintenance. \$311,555
For diverting Horse Brook 150,000
For buying and eleming pends. 75,000

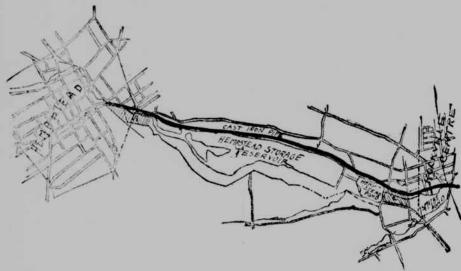
TO PREVENT DEFILEMENT.

COMMISSIONER WILLIS SHUTS DOWN ON

THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY-A LETTER FROM I. M. DE VARONA.

Acting on the principle that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, City Works Commissioner Willis yesterday issued an order to the superintendents and keepers of the ponds, lakes and reservoirs on Long Island, from which the city draws its water supply, prohibiting fishing boating and skating on the ponds. This action was brought about by the abuse of privileges extended to anglers and others by the City Works Department, the abuses having provoked the following request from I. M. de Varona, engineer of water supply:

September 12, 1896. It was 2:30 p. m. when the committee met in the City Clerk's private office. All of the members were present except Messis, Conley and Mo-



SEWER TO DIVERT HORSE CREEK.

Milne and L. M. de Varona, engineer of the water supply, were present for the City Works Department When asked by one of the Aldermen what he

wanted, Mr. Willis replied:

"The judgment of the Board of Aldermen ought to be as good as mine as to what the public sentiment is regarding the water sup-

President Clark accepted this and said:

I say, even at the risk of having it called a job, that nothing can prevent the pollution of the Hempstead stream except to buy the land 200 feet on either side of the stream. There is one case of a negro's hut just on the edge of the creek, and there is nothing to prevent the emptying of offal from this house into the water. All the land should be bought from the ice pond

Chairman Leich expressed the idea fhat, although much money had heretofore been appropriated, the city had no proper showing for Mr. de Varona convinced the committee that the city had had good return for the money expended. He said that copies of Professor Leeds's report were being prepared for the Aldermen, and that Professor Leeds would examine the water at the sources if it was thought neces-

Alderman Clark said he believed that some of the bad taste of the water might be traced to the effect on the mains of waste electricity from the trolley wires, but Mr. Milne held that the effect of this would be to purify the water, if anything.

After much cross-firing of this sort, Commissioner Willis was permitted to make a state ment. He wanted \$311,555, the balance due for the maintenance of the water. This amount had been carefully calculated, and must be had to meet current, necessary expenses.

Then the Aldermen should consider whether it was feasible to allow \$75,000 for purchasing land about the Springfield supply, and dredging and cleaning pends passed upon adversely by the Board of Health.

This led Alderman Francisco, in a merry mood to inquire whether Horse Creek was named after the dead horses found in it.

"I am not responsible for the titles of thes creeks," replied Commissioner Willis, smiling, "although I am charged with creating some new

titles in my department." OWNERS OBJECTED TO THE CLEANING.

Mr. De Varona explained that certain streams could not be cleaned thoroughly, because the city did not own some of the contributing ponds, and the owners would not permit the city to clear the vegetable matter from them. Land must be bought if the sweeping cleaning demanded by the Health Department was to be done. He admitted that there was \$45,000 included in the \$311,000 for cleaning, but that that amount was for cleaning ponds and streams now owned by

water than it has hitherto, and made Mr. De Varona explain the work that is being done on Varona explain the work that is being done on the new driven wells that now furnish 18,000,000 gallons a day, and are to furnish 7,000,000 gallons more. The committee likewise asked the engineers to report as soon as possible as to what further water supply was needed.

It was stated that the unwholesome Springfield supply had been cut off, and that the city's water had been much improved by the vigorous flushing of the mains.

Then the motions were carried unanimously. Alderman Messinger was of the opinion that cold weather would be here before land could be bought, but Alderman Guilfoyle suggested that as soon as an option was taken on the land cleaning could begin.

THE HORSE CREEK DISCHARGE.

THE HORSE CREEK DISCHARGE. The \$150,000 appropriation will be used not

only in buying some of the most objectionable property along Horse Creek, but in laying an iron pipe in carrying the Horse Creek discharge around the Hempstead reservoir, whenever its condition makes it unfit for the use of the city that is, in midsummer and during the first wash of the surface occasioned during freshets of heavy rains. This is to be accomplished by build-ing an inlet chamber and weir at the head of the

heavy rains. This is to be accomplished by building an injet chamber and weir at the head of the storage reservoir, about 600 feet south of Frank-linest, from which a 36-inch fron pipe, having a capacity of 18,000,000 gallons daily, will discharge the flow below Smith's Pond, a distance of about 18,500 feet. The adopted line follows along the east end bank of the reservoir, the old road on the east side of Hempstead Pond, and along the east side of Smith's Pond to the outlet. Not only will the small midsummer flow be thus diverted, but during the first part of freshets the capacity of the pipe will be such as to discharge all of the objectionable water, so that the rainfall with the collected impurities will not reach the reservoir until it has been safely diluted. The \$75,000 appropriation will be used to buy some of the land necessary to clean the worst ponds along the Springfield and Valley Spring streams.

streams.

In anticipation of this appropriation Commis-sioner Willis has already bought one of the vilest of these ponds and is having it cleaned. There is every prospect that Brooklyn's water will regain its pristine purity within a month

BOATING AND FISHING PERMITS.

SKATING ALSO PROHIBITED ON THE SOURCES OF

Garry. Commissioner Willis, Chief Engineer

this matter with Mr. Skilton, the assistant engineer on ponds and conduits, who strongly concurs in the opinion that fishing and boating are injurious generally.

In the first place, the pond laborers have to give considerable time to going from side to side of ponds to inspect permits which should be given to cleaning the shores and screens, and generally looking after the water. An unlimited number of persons may fish, etc., on one permit.

The shores and bushes are trampled from end to end, whereas nobody should be allowed to walk upon them. The effect is demoralizing upon the pond laborers, who are required to keep the surroundings near and clean, and tends to inculcate neglect on their part. Further, I receive complaints that fishermen leave their balt and small fish along the shores close to the water, to rot in the sun. Any rise of the pond floods their remains. Dead ilsh are frequently left upon the welrs and stonework of the gatehouses. Fish are frequently cleaned upon the shores, and the heads and entrails thrown into the water or left on the shores; and this by persons, residents of Brooklyn and consumers of Brooklyn water, of a class of people from which such things would not be expected.

I would recommend, therefore, that no fishing, boating or skating permits be granted at any time or for any month, and that an order be issued annul-

hich such things would be would recommend, therefore, that no bound I would recommend, therefore, that no bound of skating permits be granted at any time of or any month, and that an order be issued annually be existing permits; also that the patrolmen of the existing permits; also that the maken up, I ds be authorized to have them taken up. as

ELIPHALET STRATTON DEAD.

HE WAS IN A PRIVATE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE IN WHITESTONE-A NOTORIOUS CASE RECALLED.

Eliphalet Stratton, whose alleged cruelty to his wife brought so much notoriety to his family three years ago, died last Monday at the Breezehurst Terrace private asylum for the insane at Whitestone from natural causes. His body was taken Place, and put in the receiving vault at Cypress Hills Cemetery. Mrs. Stratton has been living for several months at No. 67 Greene-ave. She was informed of her husband's death, but did not reach the asylu-Stratton was about eighty-six years old. In June, ave. Mrs. Stratton had formerly been a house-keeper for the family. When Mr. Stratton's first wife died and he married his housekeeper, his five children all left the house. At that time Mr. Stratton was reputed to be wealthy. He and his wife quar-relled after they had been married only a few months. Mrs. Stratton fell Ill, and complained to her physician that she did not receive sufficient food doctor saw enough to convince him that the 'hief of Police. The captain of the precinct sent a

Chief of Police. The capitaln of the precinct sent a detective to the house, and the latter had to use strategy to got in. He made an adverse report on the case, and the old man was arrested the next day on a charge of attempted homicide, after he had vainly tried to induce his wife not to tell on him.

At the trial, which was need before Judge Haggerty, it was learned that Mrs. Stratton had several times been obliged to secure food by having it passed to her through the window by a neighbor. Mr. Stratton was finally discharged, because his wife refused to press the complaint, the old man having first agreed that she should thereafter be privileged to have her own way about the culinary department. After that Mr. and Mrs Stratton went to Coney Island to live. Justice Osborn in February last appointed the Hamilton Trust Company a committee on Stratton's estate, and his son, Anson M. Stratton, a committee of his person, the old man having been declared incapable of taking care of himself. Mrs. Stratton at that time made application to be appointed a committee of his person, alleging that he had been estranged from her by his children. The members of the family are extensive owners of real estate in Coney Island.

MUSIC IN PROSPECT PARK.

A "REQUEST PROGRAMME" TO BE GIVEN TO-MOR-ROW AFTERNOON.

The following "request programme" will be sented by the 23a Regiment Band, Alfred D. Fohs onductor, in Prospect Park, to-morrow afternoon, at

Old Hundred"

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I. March, "Boys" Brigade" (first time)...F. E. Hutchings

(Arranged by Alfred D. Fohs.)

Overture, "Tannaluser". Wagner

Sa Quartet. "Rigoletto". Verdi

Last Movement to Overture, "William Tell".

Rossini. Cornet Solo, "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations.
Hartman

6. Funeral March from Sonata (Opus 35) Chopin in memorium James Lewis. Suppe 6. Overture—"Poet and Pessant" Suppe 7. Base trumpet solo—"Eveneing Star Song" (Tann. Wagner

8. Second meteorem and a Second meteorem a Xylophone solo—"Sliver Bell". Alfred D. Folie (By F. E. Hutchings.)
"The Paneting Gld"."
(Atranged by Alfred D. Folie.
March Characterisque, "Turkiel.".

11. Invitation a la Valse. Weber 1. Invitation a la Valse.....

FOR INTERNAL REVENUE PLACES.

Twenty-seven applicants for places in the Inter-Revenue Department will be examined to-day inder Civil Service rules in Public School No. 15. Schermerhorn-st, and Third-ave. will be eligible for the places of messengers, clerks and deputy collectors, at salaries ranging from \$500 and deputy conectors, at saiaries ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. Applicants will be examined in orthography, penmanship, copying , letter-writing, arithmetic, elementary physics and practical questions concerning the duties of the Department. The examination will begin at 9 a. m., and last until 5 p. m.

PILGRIM CHAPEL SERVICES RESUMED. The opening service at Pligrim Chapel, Henry and sts., will be held to-morrow evening, at ock. The building has been closed since 45 o'clock. August 1, and in the mean time the main audienceroom, the prayer-meeting rooms and the nine Sun day-school classrooms have been entirely repainted. The committee likewise reported in favor of a sewer along the Clinton-ave, extension, from Flushing-ave, to the East River. This will run through the Wallabout Market land recently deeded to the city by the United States Government. This is to be a 48-inch sewer, and will give relief to the territory that was so badly

RATIFICATION MEETING.

SOUND-MONEY DEMOCRATS WERE PRESENT AND LISTENED TO SPEECHES BY EX-JUDGE

STEELE AND HENRY A. POWELL. The Republicans of the Sixth Ward held a big ratification meeting last night at Grand Union Hall, No. 258 Court-st., for the purpose of approving the National and State tickets. All citizens, whether Democrats or Republicans, who are in favor of sound money, sound government, good wages and happy homes, were invited, and when the meeting was called to order the hall was crowded to the doors. Before the meeting fireworks were set off in the street, and a brass band furnished plenty of lively music.

The following resolutions were unanimously carried:

Whereas, The issues of the present campaign are very important and involve not only the stability and credit of our Government, both at home and abroad, but also the personal honor and integrity of each individual citizen of these United States, and

States, and,

Whereas, The Republican party, by its platforms, both National and State, and also by its candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, Governor and Lleutenant-Governor, has declared itself unequivocally to be in favor of an honest dollar, the honest and full payment of all debts, and a sound and self-supporting Government, while the so-called Democratic party would depreciate our currency, undermine our Government and involve the country in ruin and riot; and,

Whereas, The Republicans of the Sixth Ward, like all loyal and true Republicans, favor the policies and platforms of their party and denounce the Democratic principles, as set forth in the Chicago platform; therefore, he it Resolved, That we, the Sixth Ward Republicans in meeting assembled, do heartily and with one accord reaffirm our approval and commendation of the piatform adopted by the St. Louis Convention, and do again indorse the nominations there made, and pledge our unswerving support to secure the election of William McKinley and Garret A. Hobert, and be it further

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Resolved, That we do cordially ratify and confirm the nominations made at Saratoga by the Republican State Convention for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Judge of the Court of Appeals, and we do hereby piedge our constant aid and support to further by all honorable means the triumphant election of Frank S. Black, Timothy L. Woodruff and Irving G. Vann.

The first speaker was ex-Judge Hiram R. Steele. He went into a discussion of the tariff question, which was listened to with great interest, saying, in part:

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The people of the United States had been told that they were being overtaxed, that they were burdened down by the taxation of the many for the benefit of the few. They were told of the greed of corporations and trusts, and were promised better pay. Now, if the people had been correctly informed they would not have made such a great mistake as to elect a Democratic President and brought this distress upon us. Bourke Cockran said in his great speech at Madison Square Garden that the only infallible test of the country's prosperity is the wages paid to the laboring man. Now, that is good Republican doctrine, and upon it protection is based. Now, who pays the revenue? The taxes that are received into the Custom House are paid partly by this country and partly by foreign countries. The tariff is paid by foreign competitors upon an article of goods of which we produce enough to regulate the market.

I come in contact daily with cotton-growers of the South, and have discussed the money question with them. Bryan tells them that with cheap money they will be able to pay running expenses, pay their workingmen, and pay off their mortgages, and still come out ahead. There is not a cotton-grower in that whole district, however, where the main strength of Bryan is found, who can be humbugged for a moment into believing that the Bryan dollar will be worth more than \$2 cents. If it is proposed to scale the wages of the laboring man facents, it will be a death blow to prosperity. There is an old business maxim that honesty is the best policy. It tells a man how to be successful in business. That saying applies to nations with more force than it does to individuals. How is it possible that the American citizen, who loves the old fing, could be willing to see his Nation repudiate obligations when we claim to be so amply able to pay them with the best money there is in circulation?

Not long ago the people as Lincoln, the says: "The Republican party stands for

trite.

And how did our candidate for Governor gain his nomination? By taking a stand it the front and breaking up the most corrupt band of ballot-stuffers in the country. He understands the workings and destrine of protection, and that is a great thing. And when it comes to our candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, why, it is our own "Tim," a gallant little. Governor, why, it is our candidate for Lieutenant-fellow and as solid as he looks. Brooklyn is proud of him.

The next speaker was Henry A. Powell, He was received with a round of applause, and

said in part:

The time has come when the people must aside all questions which have hitherto interesthem, and direct their attention to the one viguestion, in order that it may be decided right of and forever. We had such a time in 1860 and when the old flag was in peril. Then Republic and Democrats alike domed the blue uniform went to the front. They were not asked whet they were disciples of deferson or Madison, were merely asked the question, "Do you love flag and your country." In this campaign ther an issue just as vital as that of 1860, and the j of the Nation is just as great. It is not the for men to ask whether they are Republicans Democrats. The Nation is standing on an avprecipice, and men are trying to push it into pudiation and dishonestly. recipice, and men are in audiation and dishonesty.

BELL IS A WILLING MARTYR.

HE QUOTES THAT "PRIVATE CONVICTION AND PERSONAL FEELING MUST BE SACRIFICED TO SAVE BROADER PRINCIPLES."

James D. Bell is no longer a dumb bell. golden stlence has been broken and his silvery tones ring out the echoes of the Buffalo Convention, from which he tore himself away, not to avoid voting for the ticket and platform, but, to quote him, 'simply and solely because I had to be

According to Mr. Bell's statement, which he requested the reporter to take down verbatim, the following quotation, from the writing of a bishop and not a politician, gave complete expression to his

true political inwardness at this time:
"Much of private conviction and personal feeling must be sacrificed to save those broader principles for which only great partles can be moved to

motions Mr. Bell offered up when he went to Buffalo no one knows, neither is it certain just how much of a sacrifice he is making in getting off his perch, but here is what he says in reply to the query as to whether he is going to support the Chi-

cago ticket or not:
"Yes, sir, I am. None of the platforms adopted by the parties suits me in its entirety. I cannot support Mr. McKinley, and when I cannot support a man directly I will not support him indirectly therefore, I will not support the Palmer and Buckner ticket. The Indianapolis platform does not state my position. In the contests of the past twenty years I have been a bimetallist, and I am one to

years I have been a bimetallist, and I am one today."

Having held these convictions so long, Mr. Bell
thought it unnecessary to explain his silence since
the Chicago Convention, when, according to his
canonical questation, he should have been sacrificing "much of private conviction and personal feeling" in order that the broad-gauge, double-track
principle of bimetallism might be saved.

When asked what was his opinion of the Buffalo
candidates, he said he thought the ticket an excellent one. "If blood and descent amount to anything Thacher has got some," said he in the opinion of prominent Democrats here. Thacher added
to his descent when he dismounted from his golden charger and squatted on the free-silver mule.
He added that Thacher, besides being descended
from a Mayor, "had the manners, a fine library,
and besider had written a book." The first thing
which John Boyd should do is to write a platform
which James D can support in "its entirety,"

He declared that there was "no excuse for the
nomination of a third State ticket" from his point of
view. "From a machine point of view," said he, "it
might be defensible." In other words, "those
breader principles for which only great parties can
be moved to strive," having been all embodied in the
Buffalo platform, there will be, hereafter, no opportunity for the sacc'ficing of "private conviction
and personal feeling."

Martyr Bell denied that he was jealous of "Barney" York, but said that he had "the highest persenal respect and regard for him."

Was this another act of sacrifice?

BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE FOR M'KINLEY. The Thirteenth Ward Business Men's McKinley and Hobart Club has just been organized. The foland Hobart Cho has put been organized. The following officers were elected: James F. Bender-nagle, president; Elwin S. Piper and J. Henry Dick, vice-presidents; C. V. Smith, treasurer; Stephen B. Jacobs, secretary; A. H. Marinus, assistant secretary. At the meeting which was held in the Andrews House, Bedford-ave, and South Fifth-st., a resolution was introduced and adopted condemning the silver sentiment. Among those who have joined the club so far are George L. Wentworth, Peter Hess, W. B. Lemon, Dr. J. H. Trull, A. H. Marinus, Captain John H. Liddle, J. A. Davis, John J. A. Kalb, Jacob Baker, Joseph Berger, Edward McNamara, William Bennett, John Czerny, Robert L. Smith, M. Herman, James C. Wilson, M. Martewitz, Frank Joa, Thomas L. C. Dunn, Charles N. Seward, William E. Lent, John

HONESTY THE BEST POLICY.

W. Burr, W. H. Palmer, W. R. Hoit, D. S. Holmes, A. Meisner, George W. Goodrich, Henry J. Koch, A. Meisner, George W. Goodrich, Henry J. Koc

W. C. BEECHER RESIGNS. HE CANNOT SUPPORT BRYAN AND THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

W. C. Beecher, vice-president of the Kings County Democratic General Committee, has resigned from the so-called regular Democracy because he cannot support Bryan and his platform. Mr. Beecher has written a letter to James D. Bell, chairman of the ommittee, which was made public yesterday. In it Mr. Beecher says that upon his return home from his vacation he learned with deep regret that the Kings County General Committee had voted to indorse Bryan and, "necessarily, his variegated plat-He said he had hoped that wiser course would prevail, and that the dignified course of the New-York delegation at Chicago would have been followed, and that the local committee would have refused to recognize either the platform or the nominee of the Chicago Convention as Democratic regular. Mr. Beecher thinks that the indorsement of such a candidate on such a platform is, from the political point of view, suicidal and unpatriotic. He

ald, among other things:

said, among other things:

The Democratic party in Kings County was just recovering from the effects of too much bossism and was beginning to regain public confidence. The necessary effect of this present action will be to relegate the party to the uttermost back seat of political influence for years to come.

It will be hard to inspire confidence in a party which has shown a willingness to follow after such strange gods as Altgeld and Tillman, nor can a course be patriotic which threatens the country with sectional strife, which seeks to array in bitter antagonism one class against another; which stops the wheels of industry and creates universal distress.

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The integrity of our Nation and the commercial welfare of our country are attacked by a lot of political freehooters. They have chosen as their leader one who willingly stands upon two platforms, the planks of which when read together make up the wildest, most grotesque political crazy quilt that the mind of man could well imagine.

His mere candidacy has already caused deep distrust and doubt in all financial centres, has intensified the existing commercial singnation and nearly caused a general panic. What the effect would be should any fatal mishap cause his election is too dreadful to contemplate.

The American people are not a Nation of defaulters or swinders and will not tolerate a candidate whose avowed policy and the strongest argument for whose election is the proposed payment of all debts, public and private, in 50-cent dollars. The difference between this and complete repudiation is only one of degree, the principle (or more properly speaking the want of principle) is the same.

But, strangest of all, there are not lee members of your own body who really believe either in free silver or Populism, or that the election of Bryan would be a benefit to the country. You are indorsing principles in which not only you do not believe, but which you have once already distinctly repudiated, so that it can hardly be said that patriotism, conviction or a high sense of duty was the compelling cause. The only other reason that can be suggested is the compulsion of so-called regularity.

TWO REPUBLICAN RALLIES TO-NIGHT.

Two Republican rallies will be held in Brooklyn to-night, under the auspices of the Kings County Campaign Committee. One will be conducted by the First Ward Committee, and will be held at Poplar and Henry sts. The speakers will be Robert Van Iderstine, Samuel H. Drew, Congressman Denis M. Hurley and Assemblyman E. C. Before the indoor meeting opens there will be a banner-raising and a big display of fireworks. Another meeting will be held by the Twenty-sixth Ward Association, at Fulton and Crescent sts. A big campaign flag will be thrown out and there will be no lack of fireworks. There will be speaking by William A. Prendergast and Peter Ostrander.

FEAR A SPREAD OF DIPHTHERIA.

OVER TWENTY CASES SAID TO BE UNDER TREATMENT IN BATH BEACH AND BENSONHURST

Diphtheria is slowly spreading in Bath Beach Bensonhurst and Gravesend, despite the endeavors to check it, and there was scarcely a day this though Dr. Frederick Jewett, who is chief of th bureau of contagious diseases in the Board of office, has asserted that there is nothing alarming in the reported prevalence of the disease, two prominent physicians stated yesterday that

Many of the people lay the blame to the "backing up" of the sewers by the high tides. The sewer system in many parts of the districts named is exand it is likely to cause any extra catch basins were pinced along Bath-ave, a week or two ago, was one of the most exposed places. The avenue after every rainstorm was a arge puddle, and the water remained until it was dried up by the sun. Dr. Mayne, one of the leading physicians in Eath Beach, fought hard against the ondition of Bath-ave., and did much toward having the extra catch basins put in.

would close its doors on account of the disease, as several of the scholars were already down with diphtherta. When a Tribune reporter called at the shool yesterday afternoon he was informed by rincipal Edsall that he did not intend to close the school at present, but he would certainly do so if the diphtheria continued spreading. When the school was opened on Monday there was an attendance of nearly six hundred pupils, but within the last two days 100 scholars have remained away. Seventy-five per cent of these, Principal Edsail be-Heved, had been kept away by their parents, who feared that they would be likely to catch the disease, while 25 per cent were kept away on account of illness. There was no doubt that several of the

pupils were ill with diphtheria, he said. The report is sent regularly to town from the Board of Health, and on September 14 there were Board of Health, and on September 14 there were five case of contagious diseases, including diphtheria, and on September 15 there were seven. Dr. E. D. Mayne, of Eighteenth-ave., when seen last evening, said that he had reported six more cases of diphtheria to the Board of Health. He is attending several more cases, and is of the opinion, although he expressed himself in a somewhat guarded manner, that there is a likelihood of the disease spreading. He also said that no doubt much of the diphtheria was caused by the recent high tides, which have backed up the water in the sewers.

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Dr. Malone, of Twenty-second-ave, said that he had ten cases of diphtheria, and although he takes a conservative view of the present conditions, it is evident that he fears an increase. Dr. De Mund and Dr. Voorhees, of Cropsey-ave, have two more cases, and Dr. F. Boetzke, of Bay Parkway, Bensonhurst, has several patients, but he will not as yet express any opinion in regard to an epidemic. There is little doubt that within the next few days many more of the children will be taken from the schools by the parents, as they are now uneasy in regard to their health. Many of the cases of diphtheria, it is said, are among adults, and two deaths have already been reported at Gravesend.

NOTES FROM THE NAVY YARD.

Little could be learned at the Navy Yard vesterday about the court-martial which will conven Monday to try Lieutenant Mahoney, of the Marin-Corps, on charges of drunkenness, absence without leave and scandalous conduct. The court will meet in the usual room in Building No. 7, and unless otherwise ordered, the sessions will be public. The principal witness against the accused will be Dr. Bogert, who, it is said, discovered him outside his quarters in an intoxicated condition, and immediately reported the facts to the commandant of marines, Lieutenant-Colonel Highee. Lieutenant Mahoney was relieved of his

placed under arrest and confined to his quarters in placed under arrest and confined to his quarters in the barracks. The penalty is dismissal or suspension on half-pay for a term of years.

The accused officer was graduated from Annapolis in 1822, and was appointed to the Marine Corps the following year, with the rank of second lleutenant. He was promoted to his present rank July 1, 1820, and has been assigned to duty in the Brooklyn yard since August, 1833.

Commodore Sicard returned from his month's leave of absence Thursday night.

Orders have been received at the yard for the fitting of the turrets of the monitor Amphitrite with telescopic sights, and the work is now being done under supervision of the construction department.

ent. There was a test of fire-extinguishing hand-gren

SUIT REOUGHT AGAINST COLONEL SINN An action has been begun by the Montauk Theatre Company against Colonel William E. Sinn

nd Walter L. Sinn, the managers of the Montaul Theatre, to recover \$1,041 66, alleged to be due for tent from September 1 to September 15, 1895. Colonel Sinn and his son defend the suit through their at torneys, James and Thomas H. Troy, and allege that they leased the theatre from the co with the understanding that it was to be ready for their occupancy on September 1, 1895. For every day thereafter that the theatre was unfit for occupancy the company was to forfeit to the lessees \$100. The Sinns allege that they were unable to get into the theatre until September 15, and they began their season on September 16. They say that even when they went in the theatre was not finished, and considerable work was done afterward. When they paid their rent they deducted \$1,500 for the fifteen days which they had to wait. They ask that the complaint be dismissed. The statement is made in the papers that the rent of the theatre is \$25,000 a year.

THE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND A DINNER IN HONOR OF HIMSELF AND ME.

WOODRUFF AT THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB-A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.

It was announced definitely yesterday that Frank S. Black, the Republican candidate for Governor, will be in Brooklyn on Tuesday. At 6:30 o'clock a dinner will be given in honor of Mr. Black and Timothy L. Woodruff, the candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, by the members of the Union League Club. Only members of the club will be at the dinner, but at 9 o'clock there will be a public reception for Messrs. Black and Woodruff in the parlors of the clubhouse, to which the general public will be admitted.

Charles H. Russell is the chairman of the Union Charles H. Russell is the chairman of the Union League's Campaign Committee, and it is probable that he will preside at the dinner. It is not expected that Mr. Black will make a formal speech at the dinner.

No arrangements have been made for a rally on Tuesday afternoon, and it is therefore unlikely that Brooklynites will have an opportunity to hear Mr. Black speak on this visit to the city.

ALDERMEN DODGE AGAIN.

THEY FAIL TO GRANT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT MANDATORY LAWS.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO GO

AHEAD ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR SUFFER

garbage barrels to be taken by the carriers from the courtyard lines of buildings, instead of the outer edge of sidewalks. Mrs. James Scrimgeour favor of the ordinance. She was accomonnied by Mrs. S. W. Bowne and Mrs. Isaac How-

Albert R. Moore, counsel to the Health Department, urged that the long-pending appropriations of \$19,690 for dump inspectors, \$5,000 for antitoxin, and \$19,000 for the mercantile and factory laws be

Alderman Stewart seemed to be opposed to all of

I would never have antitoxin go into any on belonging to me," he said scornfully, and added that he did not want to help make any one's medical reputation.

Mr. Moore said that Brooklyn was in the front rank in the use of antitoxin, and it would be a step backward to abandon the plant. As to the regulating the employment of children in mercantile establishments, its enforcement was mandatory on the Commissioner of Health, and there might be punishment for violations.

I went to work when I was thirteen years old, and I don't think much of this law that would make a boy go to school who might want or need to work," said Alderman Stewart, referring to the

law.

The Health Committee took no action regarding these laws, one Alderman giving the curious reason that he thought Mr. Moore was "keeping tab" on how the committeemen voted.

Almet F. Jenks, in behalf of the Kalbifelsch Chemical Works and the Cordage Trust, opposed the opening of Morgan-st, from Metropolitan-ave to Maujer-st, as it would cut through their property.

orty.

John J. Cashman, contractor of the City Hall repairs, accounted for the fact that he did not furnish the work as agreed by September 15, by saying that the plans had been changed. He expected to have the work done in about six weeks. A WOMEN'S LEAGUE DISBANDS.

THE SOCIETY WAS CONNECTED WITH THE CEN-TRAL THROAT HOSPITAL-MAY BE

REORGANIZED. The Women's League of the Central Throat Hospital has been disbanded. The league was organized seven or eight years ago, and was first known as and Lung Hospital. After the removal of this institution from Gates and Ralph aves, to its present in Willoughby-st., the women connected members of the league comprise workers of the uptown churches of several denominations. Last summer they raised considerable money, and have

done much good.
It was difficult yesterday to find out the real reaa constantly growing dissatisfaction with the agement for some time. It is probable that the members will reorganize at an informal meeting next Tuesday, and may possibly transfer their field of sensary, at No. 28 Reid-ave., near De Kalb. Tals in stitution has just been started, and has for its object the medical and surgical treatment of the sick poor. The officers of the league were Mrs. J. E. Barker, president; Mrs. E. S. Howard, vice-president, Mrs. Nathaniel Conklin, secretary; Mrs. G. B. Stelle,

STUDY SAID TO HAVE PROMPTED SUICIDE Walter Newsom, a motorman on the crosstown line of the Brooklyn Heights Rallroad, committee suicide in James Clark's hotel, No. 519 Manhattanive, some time on Thursday night. Death resuited from asphyxiation. Newsom turned on the gas after closing up every crevice in the room. The body was discovered about 4:15 o'clock in the morning by one of the boarders. Newsom was regarded among the railroad men as an electrician of more than ordinary ability. reading electrical books, and some of his acquaintances believe that study had affected his mind. Newsom was about thirty-five years old, and came to Brooklyn at the time of the great trolley strike, from Dayton, Ohio.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Nellie Nolan, a fifteen-year-old child, was held on a charge of vagrancy by Judge Harriman yesterday. She told the Judge that her mother was in the habit of not only beating her, but working her beyond her power. The child was sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

while an investigation is being made, Postmaster Sullivan yesterday denied that there was any shortage so far as he knew in Station V, at Twelfth-st, and Fifth-ave., or that it had been systematically robbed. The only truth in the story which appeared in a morning paper yesterday, the John Heffenan was short in his accounts, but had admitted his fault and made good the deficiency, after which he was discharged.

A small boy's love of stone-throwing res unpleasantly yesterday for John Tellery, a young man living at No. 416 Fortieth-st. As Tellery was passing through Sixth-ave, the youngster, whose name is unknown, was amusing himself by throwing stones at passers-by. One of them struck Tel lery, and he received a lacerated wound of the face and eye. He was attended by Ambuiance Surgeon Guenther.

Frank H. Fisher, who was a special policeman last year at Coney Island, has been locked up or the charge of vagrancy. He pleaded not guilts His case was adjourned on his plca for time to for his uncle and aunt. Mrs. Kate Collins, who died on Tuesday night at

her home, Sixty-sixth-st, and Fourteenth-ave., Lefferts Park, from lack of food, will be buried this afternoon in Holy Cross Cemetery. The facts of the case were published in The Tribune of yester day. The body has been at the Morgue since Thursday, and would have been buried in Potter' Field had it not been for a number of citizens of Bath Beach, including Justice Rhodes, Police Capain Bedell and Edward Milo Fitzgerald, who gave

weman's husband was too poor to pay for them. Four men, while engaged in caulking a vessel this morning at O'Neill's dock, at Twenty-seventh-st. fell from a scaffold on which they were at work, and were thrown to the bottom of the drydock Paros Candola sustained a fracture of the skull, and was removed to Seney Hospital. Andrea Paroscandolo, Joseph Portrello and Mark Sylvester

ment in regard to the rebates on old licenses which many saloonkeepers are entitled to by virtue of I complaints began to be filed, and after an exami nation he decided that they were just, and that the city was authorized to pay them out of the rev-

Corporation Counsel Burr yesterday made a state

Hugh Travers, employed as an electrician at Williaughby and Navy sts., was struck by the fender of a Nassau trolley-car yesterday morning at Myrtie and Vanderbilt aves. Traver's left knee was painfully hurt, but he managed to do his day's work. Last evening he boarded a Nostrans ave. car for his home, at No. 138 Graham-st and received a transfer ticket to the Myrtle-ave. line. When the Nostrand-ave, car reached Myrtle ave. Travers hobbled off and boarded Car No. 1.847 of the Myrtle-ave, line. The conductor, thinking that the man was drunk on account of his limp ing, took his transfer ticket and attempted to ing, took his transfer tleket and attempted to eject him. Travers refused to leave the car, when it is alleged, the conductor pushed him from the step, causing him to fail to the pavement. Travers struck on his head and received an ugly cut over the right temple. He was picked up and assisted to the Vernon-ave, police station, where his wounds were dressed. The conductor, it is alleged, after he had pushed the man to the street, started the car, leaving him lying where he had failen, bleeding from his injuries.

ALLEGED BRUTAL TREATMENT OF A PASSENGER

BY A MYRTLE-AVE, CONDUCTOR.

A BRUTAL SON SENT TO JAIL FOR BEATING HIS MOTHER

Thomas Henry, of No. 141 North Ninth-st., while drunk on Thursday night, brutally beat his aged mother because she refused to give money for beer him. Mrs Henry managed to walk to the Redford-ave, police station, where she told of the assault. Her head and face were cut and bleeding from the attack. A policeman was sent to the house, but Henry had disappeared. At an early hour yesterday morning Henry returned home, and again began to assault his mother. Mrs. Heavy ran into the kitchen, and her son seized a chair and threw it at her. Instead of striking his mother, the Several committees of the Board of Aldermen met at the City Hall last night. The Committee on Public Health decided to recommend for adoption the ordinance presented long ago by the Woman's Health Protective Association, compelling ash and garbage barrels to be taken by the carriers from

"PHILLIPINE OBREY" IS ADA BARKER. Phillipine Obrey, the young German woman who swallowed paris green on Wednesday night in front of the home of Dr. Myerle, of No. 568 Bedford-ave, was able to leave the Eastern District Hospital yesterday, and was arraigned before Justice Goetting. in the Lee Avenue Police Court.

There the would-be suicide was at once reas Ada Barker, also known as Maggle Berger, who a few months ago made three attempts to take her life while an inmate of the House of the Good Shepherd. When Ada was found on Wednesday night she said she had lived with an aunt in Jamaica, but left her home because of the aunt's con stant teaching of religion. At the Jamaica address given by the young woman no one could be found who knew her. Her identity then remained a mys-

who knew her. Her identity then remained a myetery to the hospital physicians until her arraignment yesterday. While in the hospital she refused
to say why she wanted to die.

The young woman seemed to regret that the attempt she had made on her life had failed. When
asked why she wanted to kill herself she told the
Court that she was selzed with a mania to end her
life every few weeks, and could not help it. Justice
Goetting committed her to the House of the Good
Shepherd, but when the officers reached the institu-

DIED AFTER BEING RESCUED.

Michael Cullen, forty-five years old, was drowned

resterday in the East River, off North First-st. Whether the man committed suicide or fell into the water aecidentally is not known. Cullen had beer n sitting on the stringpiece for an hour before

he fell into the water. Bartholomew Finerty and William Gavel, who were on the dock, three a rope to the drowning man, which he failed to take hold of. Finerty then sprang into the water, and setting Cullen, managed to get him on the pier, where he died before the arrival of an ambulance. Cullen is said to have had no home. ALONG THE BAY SHORE.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN BATH BEACH, BAY RIDGE, BENSONHURST AND SHEEPS-

HEAD BAY. Arrangements are being made for a fair to be given in aid of the Bay Ridge Reformed Church on the evenings of October 21 and 22. It will be heid in the church building, Eightieth-st, and Secondave., and the occasion will mark the opening of the

new structure. An engagement which has been announced in Bay Ridge circles is that of Miss Maggie Walker and

The marriage of Miss Edna Sinclair, of Philadelphia, and Charles E. Wright, of Ovington-ave., will be solemnized on the evening of October 1 W. E. Johnson will lead the services at the young people's prayer-meeting in the Bath Beach Meth-

odist Episcopal Church to-morrow evening. His subject will be "Inheritance." A picasant affair of the week was the meeting of the Entre Nous Euchre Club, which was held at the home of Mrs. M. R. Hooper, in Twenty-secondave. The members were entertained by Mrs. George B. Keller, and the prizes won included a handsome cut-glass lamp, secured by Mrs. F. C. De Mund; a piece of Limoges china artistically decorated, wen by B. G. Allen, and the visitors' prize, a Bohemian glass vase, won by Mrs. George Heltkamp. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gascombe, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Mr. and Mrs. B.

G. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heckman and G. A. At the fair of the Blythebourne Catholic Church next week, the two sheep that were presented last Easter will be raffled off for the benefit of the

church. A meeting of the Big Eight Bowling Club will be held this evening at Hofeld's alleys. Ninety-secondst., Fort Hamilton.

A birthday party was given on Tuesday evening w Miss Lottie Bartlett at her home in Twentiethby Miss Lottie Bartlett at her home in Twendedate.

The West Brooklyn Progressive Bowing Club was formed on Thursday evening at the house of Mr. Gast, in Fors Hamilton-ave.

The sermon in the Woodlawn chapel to-morrow evening will be preached by the Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk, of the Gravesend Reformed Church.

At the fair held recently in the old Jackson Hook and Ladder house by the Young Ladles Sewing Circle for the benefit of foreign missions nearly \$100 was realized. The officers of the society are: President, Hilda Gates; secretary, Anna Anderson; treasurer, Lizzle Jensen.

A meeting of the Bensonhurst Euchre Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jackson, in Benson-ax. 500 is being erected by Cora D.

L. Burton in Eighty-fourth-st., near Twenty-first-axe.

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The fair which will be given by the women connected with the Reformed Church of Gravesend will be opened on Wednesday evening next. It will be held in the church parlors, and will be brought to a close on the following evening.

Work has been begun on the opening and grading of Cedar Lane, in Bay Ridge.

Mrs. Charles Arkinson will give a tea early in October at her home, in Bay Twenty-minthes.

Cards will soon be sent out for the marriage of Miss Mabel Stevens, of Bay Ridge, to Samuel E. Adams, of Bensonhurst. The date set for the ceremony is Thursday evening. October 15.

Mrs. Colonel Johnson, of the Shore Road, expects to occupy her new home before the end of the month.

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Society of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of
Bay Ridge for a fair to be given in the Athenaeum
on the afternoons and evenings of September 3 and
October 1. The affair is to help pay off the debt on

October I. The allah is to be given this evening in the parsonase. The concert which is to be given this evening in intrepld Hall, in Thirteenth-ave, by Miss Christina Jurgensen, soprano, assisted by Professor and Mme, Hanus, violinist and planist, will include English, German, Danish and Swedish selections. A trolley party will be given to North Heach on Tuesday evening next by the Bay Ridge Council. Thesday evening next by the bay have the Name of another newly formed organization in Bay Ridge. There are already twenty-five or more names on the membership roll, and the officers are S. C. Woody, president; H. M. Cogan, vice-president; Waiter Frere, secretary, Winant P. Kohl, treasurer, and Frank L. Ryder, A. D. Constant and J. L. Wermstein, Turstees.

Frank I. Ryder, A. D. Constant and J. L. Wermstrom, trustees.

A pretty affair at Gravesend on Monday evening was the 'barn hop' given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kreyer. Japanese lanterns, flags and golden red set the place off to advantage and the dancing lasted until midnigot, when supper was served. Among the many present were Miss Phyllis Bryon, Miss Mary Hastings, Miss Florence Locklin, Miss Blanche Corniskt, Miss White, Miss Lizzie Whitehead, Miss Evelyn Bryon, Miss Belle Hastings, Miss Martha Hands, Miss Addie Kiley, Miss Annie Kreyer, Miss Ida Corkill, Miss Lizzie Whitehead, Miss Mamme Kreyer, Miss Emily Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Locklin, Mr and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Locklin, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kreyer, Mrs. Bryon, Mrs. Harvey, John Locklin, William Corniski, Frederick Noot, William Hands, Charles Skillen, Howard Tullar, Henry Papps, David Bryon, Joseph Hudson and D. Post.

The residents and property-owners of Sheepshead Bay are complaining of the way Ocean-ave is being left uncleaned. It is the main avenue of the town, and in the summer season grass was allowed to grow to a great height along the gutters, and the avenue has the appearance of a much-neglected place. Under the old law \$15,000 was appropriated to keep the avenue in repair, and out of this sum. \$5,000 was used by Flatbush, \$5,000 by Flatlands, and \$6,000 by Gravesend, as the avenue runs through all these places. A number of the streets and avenues